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PLEASE PASS LUIGI EINAUDI WITH AMB. YOUNG'S GROUP

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:BETANCOURT BOOK

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN WAS CALLED AUGUST 8 BY FORMER VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT ROMULO BETANCOURT REGARDING BOOK WHICH LATTER IS IN FINAL PROCESS OF WRITING ON PRESIDENT CARTER. TODMAN-BETANCOURT CONVERSATION AND SUBSEQUENT TELECON WITH PROFESSOR FRANK TUGWELL (UC-BERKELEY), WHO IS ASSISTING BETANCOURT ON BOOK, INDICATE THAT BOOK WILL BE EXTREMELY LAUDATORY OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND RECENT SHIFTS IN U.S. LATIN AMERICAN POLICY. IN RESPONSE TO BETANCOURT REQUEST, ARA/PPC IS PROVIDING TUGWELL WITH SOME MATERIAL RE PRESIDENT'S STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON LA POLICY AND CONCEPTS OF MORAL REGENERATION IN GOVERNMENT.

2. IN VIEW BETANCOURT'S STATURE, POSSIBLE IMPACT OF BOOK

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AND FACT THAT IT COULD BE MOST SUPPORTIVE OF OUR POLICY IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO TOUCH BASE WITH HIM DURING SHORT TIME YOU WILL BE IN CARACAS TO OFFER ANY THOUGHTS YOU MAY HAVE ON BEHALF AMBASSADOR TODMAN.

3. BETANCOURT PRESUMABLY WISHES REQUEST BE TIGHTLY HELD. ADDRESSEES REQUESTED EXERCISE DISCRETION THIS REGARD. CHRISTOPHER

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